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In re the Application of : Confirmation No. 3764
Jean LAURENCOT : Group Art Unit 3743
Application No. 10/531,765 : Examiner: Jiping Lu
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For a Patent for a :
METHOD FOR TREATING A LOAD OF :
STACKED LIGNEOUS MATERIAL ELEMENTS,
IN PARTICULAR A LOAD OF WOOD BY :
HIGH-TEMPERATURE HEAT TREATMENT : June 10, 2009

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 10, 2008

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Sir:

This Reply is filed responsive to the Office Action mailed in this matter on December 10, 2008. Reconsideration of this Patent Application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Office Action of December 10, 2008, first objects to the substitute specification which was submitted on August 22, 2008, under 35 U.S.C. §132(a), for allegedly introducing what has